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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/756,431	Applicant(s) SHAW ET AL.	
	Examiner Abdelmoniem Elamin	Art Unit 2116	

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --**

**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 1 recites the limitation "the security status" in line 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
3. Claim 5 recites the limitation "the security status" in line 6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
4. Claim 15 recites the limitation "the first partition" in line 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
5. Claim 19 recites the limitation "the security status" in line 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
6. Claim 23 recites the limitation "the security status" in line 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
7. Claim 24 recites the limitation "the security status" in line 7. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
8. Claim 25 recites the limitation " the first partition" in line 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
9. Claim 26 recites the limitation "the security status" in line 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101***

10. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

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Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

11. Claims 23-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claims are non-statutory as not being tangibly embodied in a manner so as to be executable.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

12. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

13. Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Masuyama et al, US. Pat. No. 6,961,761.

14. Claims 1, 5, 15, 19, 23-26, Masuyama teaches a method of adding an element to a partition of a partitionable computer system [*abstract*] comprising receiving an instruction to join the partition by the element [*see col. 5, lines 23+*]; determining the security status of the element [*col. 4, lines 1-6*]; updating a routing table of a routing device in communication with the partition when the security status of the element is secure [*col. 5, lines 34-37*]; and transitioning the security status of the element to unsecure [*see col. 5, lines 23+*].

15. Claims 2, 6, 16, 20, Masuyama teaches receiving the instruction from a processor of the partition [*see CPU 105 of Fig. 2*].

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16. Claims 3, 7, 8, 17, 21, Masuyama teaches the updating comprises adding an element identifier to a route enable mask of the routing device [*Domain configuration unit*].
17. Claims 4, 9, 22, Masuyama teaches the determining comprises accessing a register [*Fig. 4*].
18. Claims 10-11, 14, 18, Masuyama teaches rebooting the element after the removing [*inherent*].
19. Claim 12, Masuyama teaches transitioning the element from an unsecure state to a secure state after the self-initialization [*see col. 5, lines 23+*].

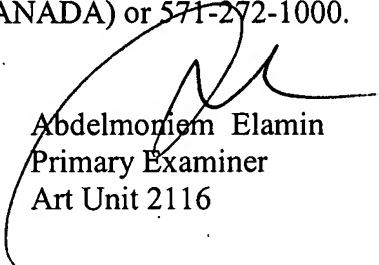
#### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Abdelmoniem Elamin whose telephone number is 571-2727-3674. The examiner can normally be reached on MON - THUR 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rehana Prveen can be reached on 571-272-3676. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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